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DESERTED BY ARMORED TRAIN

How the Boers Captured British at Estcourt.

EXAMPLES OF BRAVERY

While the Dublin Fusiliers Were Advancing Upon the Boers, Whose Shot Had Derailed Part of the Train, the Remainder Pulled Out for Safety.—No Tidings of Lieutenant Churchill and Other Missing British Soldiers.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Nov. 17.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Thursday, Nov. 16.—Evening.—Have received from Hildyard, Pietermaritzburg, a telegram, dated November 15th, of which the following is the purport:

"The officer commanding the troops at Estcourt reports, at midday, that an armored train left Estcourt this morning with a company of the Dublin Fusiliers and a company of Durban Volunteers. North of Frere they encountered a party of Boers and began to withdraw. While retreating, some of the trucks were derailed. The Dublins turned out and advanced toward the enemy, while the rest of the train appears to have returned without them, to Estcourt.

"The officer commanding the troops reports that he was sending mounted troops in order to cover their withdrawal, but that about 100 are missing."

SERGEANT TOD'S BRAVERY.

Estcourt, Natal, Thursday, Nov. 16.—Noon.—A correspondent who has just visited the Sanatorium Hospital, says all the armored train wounded are doing well.

Captain Wylie, in an interview, said Sergeant Tod deserves special mention for having surrounded him with boulders to protect him from the rifle fire, when lying helpless and wounded. Tod even lay down beside the officer to cheer him up. A shell landed among the protecting boulders, spattering them with earth, but Captain Wylie sustained no further injury. But for Tod he would have been killed.

MARVELOUS ESCAPES.

Several men escaped marvelously. When Winston Churchill requested Captain Wylie to call for volunteers to remove the wounded from the train "like rain," the men throughout stuck to their work, responding to the noble example set by Churchill and Lieutenant Franklin, until the line was cleared. Churchill actually left with the engine, but he got out at the next station, Frere, took a rifle from a soldier, saying he could not leave the wounded, and walked away in the direction of the Boers.

Sergeant Haggitt, of the Dublin Fusiliers, behaved with the greatest gallantry. He took charge of the firing party and stood up unflinchingly during the Boers' hot fire. His example electrified the Fusiliers, who kept the Boers at bay by volleys.

Captain Haldane fell early in the engagement, shot through the shoulder. Lieutenant Franklin's conduct is highly praised. He exhibited great courage during the critical period. He is reported missing. Copeland, of the Durban Volunteers, was crushed to death by the derailed truck, and Godfrey, a plate layer, was shot through the head, but is doing well. Lieutenant Alexander had an exciting experience. A Fusilier, who had been wounded in the arm by a shell which shattered the limb, swung round and hit Alexander in the neck, almost smothering him with blood. The shell burst in front of the Lieutenant on a level with his face and blinded him for a moment. The next instant he saw his comrade lying dead at his feet, while he himself was unharmed.

Private Kavanagh, of the Dublins, performed splendid work. When the British firing line fell back he, time after time, rallied the men, volleyed and prevented the horseshoe line of the Boers from enveloping the train.

LADYSMITH ENCIRCLED.

Pretoria, Thursday, Nov. 9.—The following dispatch has been received from the Boer camp at Elandsplaag, under today's date:

"Ladysmith has been completely encircled by the Boer forces. Our second big gun was successfully placed in position on Bulwer Hill, in front of Ladysmith. The firing of heavy guns commenced early this morning, with no casualties to the burghers up to the present.

"Botha has telegraphed from the south of Ladysmith that the British batteries opened a heavy fire with big guns and continuously dropped shells into the works around Ladysmith. The Pretoria force was in a tight place, having taken up a position commanded by the British fire, which was so hot that the position became untenable. The big gun, however, saved the situation."

FAILED TO SECURE DEAD.

Estcourt, Natal, Thursday, Nov. 16.—Afternoon.—The Red Cross train has again returned, but without bringing in the dead and wounded. The Boers declined to give any information as to the names of either killed or injured, referring the inquirers to the Pretoria press for all information. All that they would disclose was the fact that three of the British were dead and nine wounded.

THE BOERS' BIG GUN.

Pretoria, Nov. 15.—(Wednesday)—In an

engagement yesterday morning south of Ladysmith the British advanced with thirteen guns, attacking 330 Burghers of the Transvaal. A big gun was fired on the troops, who retired at 3 o'clock to a kloof near Ladysmith. The British loss is unknown. The Boers had one man killed and three wounded. In addition they had thirteen horses killed and seven horses wounded.

NEW POSITION TAKEN.

Estcourt, Nov. 17.—(Afternoon)—The Elmslo Boer force has taken up a position near Ennerdale, a few miles north of here. They have eight 7-pounders and two French guns. Their strength is 200 men. They have looted Henderson's store.

SITUATION AT KIMBERLEY.

Kimberley, Nov. 9.—(Thursday Evening)—Via Hopetown, Nov. 12.—(Sunday)—The Boers were busy yesterday in throwing up fresh earthworks. There has been no further bombardment. The De Beers mines are practically closed. Thousands of the employees are now domiciled in the center of the town and are being provisioned by the Mayor's relief fund. The military authorities have ordered all civilians to give up their arms and ammunition, with the view of preventing irresponsible firing at the Boers in contravention of the laws of civilized warfare.

Natives report that the Boers cheered each shell as it was fired yesterday, believing it meant the destruction of Kimberley.

The Boers are now wearing Khaki uniforms and blue puggarees, making it difficult to distinguish them from the British.

LOCUSTS ARE APPEARING.

A LURID SCENE.

London, Nov. 17.—The following detailed dispatch from Pretoria gives details of the engagement referred to in the Associated Press dispatch from Pretoria of Wednesday, November 15th:

"The Free Staters had taken up a position on a small hill when an English battery advanced and attacked them, sending a hail of shells up the hill for

THE PURSUIT OF AGUINALDO

MacArthur's and Lawton's Commands are Now Near Each Other.

AMERICAN PRISONERS

Twenty One Probably Taken to the Mountains Before Our Army Arrived at Victoria—Two Thousand Filipinos Massing at Gerona—Why Major John A. Logan's Remains Were Not Sent to This Country.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Manila, Nov. 17.—9:20 a. m.—Generals MacArthur's and Lawton's commands are now near each other. General MacArthur is getting supplies over the railroad from Iambam with an engine which was raised from the river by the Ninth Infantry.

Colonel Howes, who occupied Victoria with six troops of the Third Cavalry, has advanced to Rosales.

AMERICAN PRISONERS.

A letter was found at Victoria from private Desmond, of the Signal Corps, one of the twenty-one American prisoners held there. These prisoners, the letter said, were expecting to be taken to the mountains before the army arrived.

THIRD DAY OF VA. CONFERENCE

Bishop Wilson Decides an Important Question of Law.

THE 20TH CENTURY FUND

Young Men Admitted on Trial—Investment of Funds Raised to Provide Homes for Superannuated Preachers—Able Addresses on Christian Education—Epworth League Mass Meeting.

(Staff Cor. of Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., November 17.—Conference assembled in the third day's session at 9:30 this morning. Bishop Wilson presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Bledsoe, chaplain of the Miller Institute, Albemarle county.

The second question, "Who remain on trial?" was called. The committee reported that R. H. Marks, W. R. Evans, J. D. Langley and Francis B. McSparran, had passed satisfactory examinations in character and studies. They were advanced to the class of the third year.

Frank Burruss, J. C. Harvey, William E. Moore, John T. Sewell and Edward Brooks passed in the examination of character, but not in studies, and

to be used for the distribution of literature among our people."

TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK OFFERING.

The order of the day—the report of the Board of Education—was announced.

Rev. James Cannon, Jr., read the secretary's report, showing that \$30,281.37 had already been secured on the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving fund, although only a very partial canvass had been made.

Rev. A. Coke Smith, president of the Board of Education, followed with a report, setting forth the grounds of the appeal for this thank offering. The report spoke of the blessings of God upon the church in the South, showing that here Methodism began on this continent, and that here it had found its most congenial soil. Appeal was made to the preachers to lead the people with wisdom and zeal and to keep the Southern Methodist Church in line with the other branches of Methodism throughout the world.

The report closed with the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That a subscription be now taken up under the terms of the action of the General Conference, said subscriptions to include all previous subscriptions made by the members of the conference.

"2d. That it be made the duty of the preachers in charge of every station, circuit and mission in the conference to present this cause to his charge in harmony and co-operation with the plans of the Board of Education, and to seek to secure a thank offering from every member.

"3d. That the presiding elder of each district, together with two preachers and two laymen, to be nominated by the Board of Education, be constituted a committee to co-operate with the Board of Education in arranging the canvass of the districts.

"4th. That the publishers of the Richmond Christian Advocate, the organ of the conference, be requested to give one page of the Advocate to the work of the Twentieth Century Fund, the matter for publication to be furnished by the general manager of the canvass.

"5th. That the Board of Education be instructed to turn over to the treasurer of the Board of Missions five per cent. of the cash collections on all subscriptions made from the time of the passage of resolution, to be used for the educational work of the church in the foreign fields.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., president of Randolph-Macon College, was introduced to the conference. He delivered a masterly address on the great importance of a thorough Christian education. His remarks were punctuated by profound thought, eloquence and brilliant flashes of wit and humor, holding his hearers spellbound from the beginning to the close.

Dr. W. W. Smith, chancellor of the Randolph-Macon System of Education, followed in an able address, replete with valuable information and wise suggestions. He said that the Twentieth Century Fund was already an assured success.

A subscription was called for from the members of the conference, and about \$20,000 dollars was subscribed in sums ranging from \$50 to \$150 by the preachers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTURY FUND.

The following is a tabulated report of the contributions to the Twentieth Century Fund by districts:

Richmond district	\$2,162 00
West Richmond district	2,394 00
Rappahannock district	195 00
Charlottesville district	1,352 00
Lynchburg district	6,390 50
Danville district	1,368 00
Farmville district	9,196 35
Petersburg district	514 00
Portsmouth district	1,285 00
Norfolk district	1,593 00
Eastern Shore district	658 00
Total	\$27,636 85

The subscription from the Woman's College and other sources brings the amount to the statement in the body of the report, \$30,281.37.

DR. EDWARDS' SERMON.

Rev. W. E. Edwards, D. D., Professor in Randolph-Macon College, preached an able and eloquent sermon to an overflowing congregation at Washington Street Church to-night. Dr. Edwards was former pastor of this church and is greatly esteemed in Petersburg, the scene of his boyhood days, and of his father's early ministerial labors.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING.

A mass meeting in the interest of the Epworth Leagues of the Conference was held at Market Street Church last night, the building being filled beyond its seating capacity. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Young and W. G. Starr. Both speeches were characteristic of the speakers, eloquent and instructive.

S. S. MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting of the Sunday School Union Association will be held at Washington Street Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. This Association is composed of the Sunday Schools of Petersburg and Ettrick. In addition to an elaborate musical program, addresses will be made by prominent members of the conference.

NON-COMMITTAL.

Great interest is felt in the forthcoming appointments by the Bishop, and many speculations are indulged in as to what will be the final outcome. There will be some appointments for the Norfolk District that will be a surprise to many Methodists—but further this deponent saith not.

A Town Swept by Fire.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Magnolia, Ark., Nov. 17.—After a hard fight by the citizens the cotton compress and warehouse in which was stored 8,000 bales of cotton, and which was seriously threatened by fire last night, was saved. The flames swept the entire square on West Main street to Madison street. Some twenty stores and buildings were destroyed entailing a loss of \$75,000.

The amount of insurance and the cause of the fire is not known.

THE CONTEST IN KENTUCKY

Democrats Spring An Important Question in Jefferson County.

VOTE OF LOUISVILLE

Counsel for Democratic Governor Candidate Ask That It Be Thrown Out Because of Military Officers Inducted by Federal Grand Jury.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—A question which is likely to have an important, if not a deciding influence on the contest for the Governor of Kentucky, was brought up to-day before the canvassing board of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville. Counsel for the Democratic candidates gave notice of a motion to throw out the vote of the city because of the presence of militia at the polls on November 7.

THE NOTICE.

The notice served on the commissioners follows:

"For the Democratic candidates we now give notice that, at the close of the count and before any certificates are issued, we will move the board and all other authorities that may consider this election, to declare null and void the election held in the city of Louisville on the 7th day of November, 1899.

"First—Because of the usurpation of William O. Bradley in calling out and illegally using the militia and over-awing and intimidating the voters and officers of and at said election, and interfering with the progress of said election and with the duties of the officers of said election.

"Second—Because S. B. Toney unlawfully usurped power in requesting said William O. Bradley to call out the militia for said purpose, when said call was entirely unnecessary and the civil authorities were able and willing to execute any order made by said court.

"Third—Because said militia was used for the unlawful purposes aforesaid.

"Fourth—Because said election was not a civil election, but a military election.

"Fifth—Because the said use of the said militia was unlawful in every respect and a criminal usurpation of power by said named persons and thereby the civil power was subordinated to the military power and an overt act of a treasonable nature against the constitution of the State of Kentucky was committed."

This action had been expected ever since the official count began. It was freely reported on election day that if the militia was called out it would result in some such step. With Louisville thrown out, Goebel would have a safe plurality in the remainder of the State. This dispute will prolong and aggravate the fight, for the Republicans will make every effort in their power to retain Taylor's plurality.

ELECTION OFFICERS INDICTED.

If the election board throws out the vote of Louisville, Goebel will have a safe plurality.

Buford S. Williams, Coleman Carr and Wingate Thompson, Democratic election officers of Franklin county, were to-day indicted by the Federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and intimidation against colored voters.

SITUATION AT THE CAPITAL.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 17.—The proposition to-day from any certificates to throw out the entire vote of Jefferson county, which includes Louisville, was not wholly unlooked for by the Republican leaders.

It is now said Senator Deboe's visit here last night was for the purpose of ascertaining definitely to what extent Governor Bradley will support Taylor in the event that Goebel is given the certificate of election, based on this proceeding. Senator Deboe and Governor Bradley are not on speaking terms and a third party acted as a "go-between."

Deboe says he is satisfied Bradley will stand by Taylor and will vigorously resist Goebel. Senator Lindsay will be asked to act as one of the attorneys for the anti-Goebel side before the State Election Commission.

REPUBLICANS FIND PRECEDENT.

The Republicans have found a precedent established by the State Election Commission last year, in which the board, by a unanimous vote, decided it was merely a canvassing board and had no power to pass on contests. This was the case of Mordecai Williams, Democrat, who filed a contest for the certificate of election as Congressman in the Ninth District on the ground that fraudulent votes had been cast for Congressman Pugh in several counties. The

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SCENE AT THE TRIAL OF MOLINEUX, THE ALLEGED POISONER.

The trial of Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder in December last of Katherine J. Adams, is progressing slowly in New York. There is great difficulty in securing a jury, owing to the searching questions put each talsman by Hartow S. Weeks and George Gordon Battle, Molineux's attorneys, and by Assistant District Attorney Osborne. Molineux, it is alleged, is attempting to poison his enemy, Harry Cornish, the famous athletic instructor, poisoned Mrs. Adams by mistake.

An hour when the Transvaal cannon put some shells right in the midst of the battery, sending the English to cover behind the hill. Two burghers were killed and six wounded. When the British fell back on Ladysmith several shells exploded among them, but the execution done could not be seen.

At midnight all the Afrikaner cannon on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously on Ladysmith, turning the quiet and darkness of night into a lurid inferno of whistling, shrieking shells, speeding from all points of the compass to the doomed city. Several buildings on fire were seen from Bulwer Hill. During the day the troops left the city deserted and sought shelter on the edge of the hill to escape our death-dealing shells."

PRISONERS AT PRETORIA.

The dispatch from Pretoria also says that the prisoners at that place include the Eighteenth Hussars, four officers and 51 non-commissioned officers and men; the Dublin Fusiliers, — officers and 12 non-commissioned officers and men; the Irish Fusiliers, 10 officers and 523 non-commissioned officers and men; the Gloucesters, 14 officers and 305 non-commissioned officers and men; the Artillery, 5 officers and 60 non-commissioned officers and men; the Leicesters, no officers, 6 non-commissioned officers and men; the Dragons, one man; the Natal Police, one man; Political, 62 men; sick, 23 men.

The dispatch adds: "Trains are working excellently from Pretoria to Ladysmith. The Boers have ample food, but are short of clothes, boots and mackintoshes."

PREPARING TO ADVANCE.

London, Nov. 17.—The Admiralty announced this evening the arrival at Cape Town to-day of the troopship Arcana, with a battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (the Prince of Wales's Regiment), bringing the reinforcements up to 23,000 of which 7,290 have already disembarked at Durban, with 18 field guns, a number of machine guns, engineers and hospital troops, as well as 700 mules.

This force, with that already between

FILIPINOS MASSING.

Two thousand insurgents are reported to be massing at Gerona, above Tarlac, and General Macarado is said to be in the mountains west of Angeles with a thousand men, proposing to make a raid. Rain has been falling throughout the month, and for the past week there has been a heavy downpour. The whole country is in as bad condition as at any time this season.

MAJOR LOGAN.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—A dispatch was received at the War Department to-day from General Otis, saying that it was impossible to send the remains of the late Major John A. Logan to this country now and, therefore, he had been buried at Manila. Five days elapsed before the body could be sent from the battlefield to Manila. General Otis says that the servant of Major Logan, with the effects of the Major, sailed on the Sikh for the United States. A fine portrait of Major Logan has been sent to the War Department by Mrs. Logan, which is to be placed in the saloon of the transport Logan.

MACARTHUR LEAVES TARLAC.

Manila, Nov. 18.—8 a. m.—General MacArthur, with the thirty-sixth Infantry, a battalion of the Seventeenth Infantry, a troop of the Fourth Cavalry, several Gatlings and a detachment of the Signal Corps, has begun his northward advance from Tarlac, which will be continued to Bayombong, province of New Viscaya.

Fire at Lambert's Point.

At 3 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was rung in, and it was learned that the scene of the fire was at Lambert's Point. No one could be secured over the 'phone who was able to give any definite information. The only thing that could be learned from the Norfolk and Western coal piers was that the fire was in the new silk mill, which is partially completed.

Mr. Barton Myers was called up and said he had been informed that the silk mill was on fire. Mr. Myers said the mill was very near completed and had already cost \$90,000.

were continued on trial in the second year.

A QUESTION OF LAW.

Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, chairman of the Joint Board of Finance, presented the following question of law to be decided by the Bishop:

"When a travelling preacher dies in his active work, do the claims of the widow and orphan upon the conference fund begin from the time of the preacher's death, or from the next session of the conference?"

The Bishop replied that the question had already been decided. It begins at the time of the death of the minister.

ADMITTED ON TRIAL.

Question: "Who are admitted on trial?" was called; and John W. Lillian, L. C. Moore, J. K. Halloman, T. W. Ogden, W. A. Jeffries, R. B. Lumpkin and H. H. Smith having passed the necessary examination before the committee, and their characters being approved, they were admitted into the conference on trial.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

The following paper, offered at Thursday's session, was, on motion, taken from the table:

The Joint Board of Finance reported that in its opinion it was not advisable to undertake to provide homes for superannuated ministers at this time, and asked that the money which was in the hands of Rev. A. G. Brown, D. D., to be used for colportage, and which by action of the last conference was paid over to the board to be used by said board to purchase homes for superannuated preachers, be invested and the interest used to aid our superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans.

There was considerable opposition to the resolution, and Rev. J. T. Mastin offered the following substitute, which was adopted by a decided majority:

"Resolved, That the amount of \$1,741.08, which was raised for colportage purposes, and which is now in the hands of the Joint Board of Finance, shall be invested by said board in reliable securities and the annual interest of same be reported to the conference,